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SENIOR STAFF AGENDA - 8 JULY 1963

Report Strategic Studies
(15 minutes)

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Post Mortem on President's Trip
(5 minutes)
(Tentative; there may be nothing
to report)

Mr. Cline or Mr. Cooper

Early Retirement Legislation and
Activity of Agency Committees
(5 minutes)

Mr. Houston or Mr. Warner

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Mechanical Translation
(10 minutes)

Agency S&T Program

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General Carter or
Mr. Kirkpatrick

Cable Releasing System
National Cultural Center Campaign
Awards Program (recent \$7000 award)
(2 minutes)

Mr. Kirkpatrick

25 July 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Senior Staff Meeting, 8 July 1963

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1. See attached agenda.

2. [redacted] discussed the Strategic Studies (SS). He said they would largely replace other studies (such as OCB) which have existed in the past in great numbers. The Strategic Studies would write up in depth certain countries, but not every country. [redacted] is heading up this undertaking. There will be sections in each SS entitled: Political, Economic, and Military. [redacted] said there was doubt as to whether there should be an annex for Agency covert operations.

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General Carter asked at what level in the Government the papers are being approved. He also asked what machinery exists to make sure the Agency input is acceptable to the DCI.

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[redacted] said he would get these answers.

3. Mr. Cline said that the White House Staff appeared pleased with the results of the President's trip. Mr. Cline gathered that nobody in Europe was very interested in unilateral force. The Europeans seem pretty well satisfied with their economy and security. There may be a limited disarmament treaty.

4. Mr. Houston mentioned the status of early retirement legislation.

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5. [redacted] discussed mechanical translation. He said that CIA has been interested in the undertaking for 15 years. A fully mechanized system is a long way in the future. DOD and NSF are each putting in \$3 million to developing the technique. There are three problems that run through all mechanical translation:

- a. Vocabulary is the simplest to work out.
- b. The syntactic problems are harder.
- c. Semantics are most difficult and there has been no real research on this aspect.

Today all we have is really machine-aided translation. There are three institutions working on the problem of which IBM has the best system from the point of view of cost and time saved. The Agency is oriented toward this system.

In response to a question by General Carter, [redacted] said that the AF was sponsoring the IBM research.

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[redacted] also mentioned that there was a "stenographic disc" under development which could "take down and write out a conversation".

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7. Mr. Kirkpatrick mentioned three items:

- a. He mentioned briefly new cable releasing procedures and said that anything of a policy nature should come to the O/DCI for release.
 - b. He mentioned the poor Agency showing in the National Cultural Center Drive.
 - c. He said that an Agency man had just won \$7500 for a award and reminded those present that there is money to be had.
8. General Carter advised those present not to let all their key subordinates be on vacation at the same time during the summer.

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